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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80603

Akiko SHIMIZU

Appln. No.: 10/809,482

Group Art Unit: 2871

Confirmation No.: 8325

Examiner: Kim, Richard H

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: POLARIZER HAVING RETARDER AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS
COMPRISING THE SAME.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects species (2), the specifics of the device wherein the coat layer with birefringent anisotropy comprises an organically modified clay dispersible in an organic solvent corresponding to Claim 5 for examination. Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 9-10 are readable thereon. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

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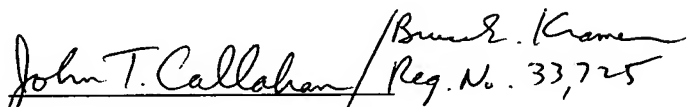
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